

Homicides in San José: 2007-2008

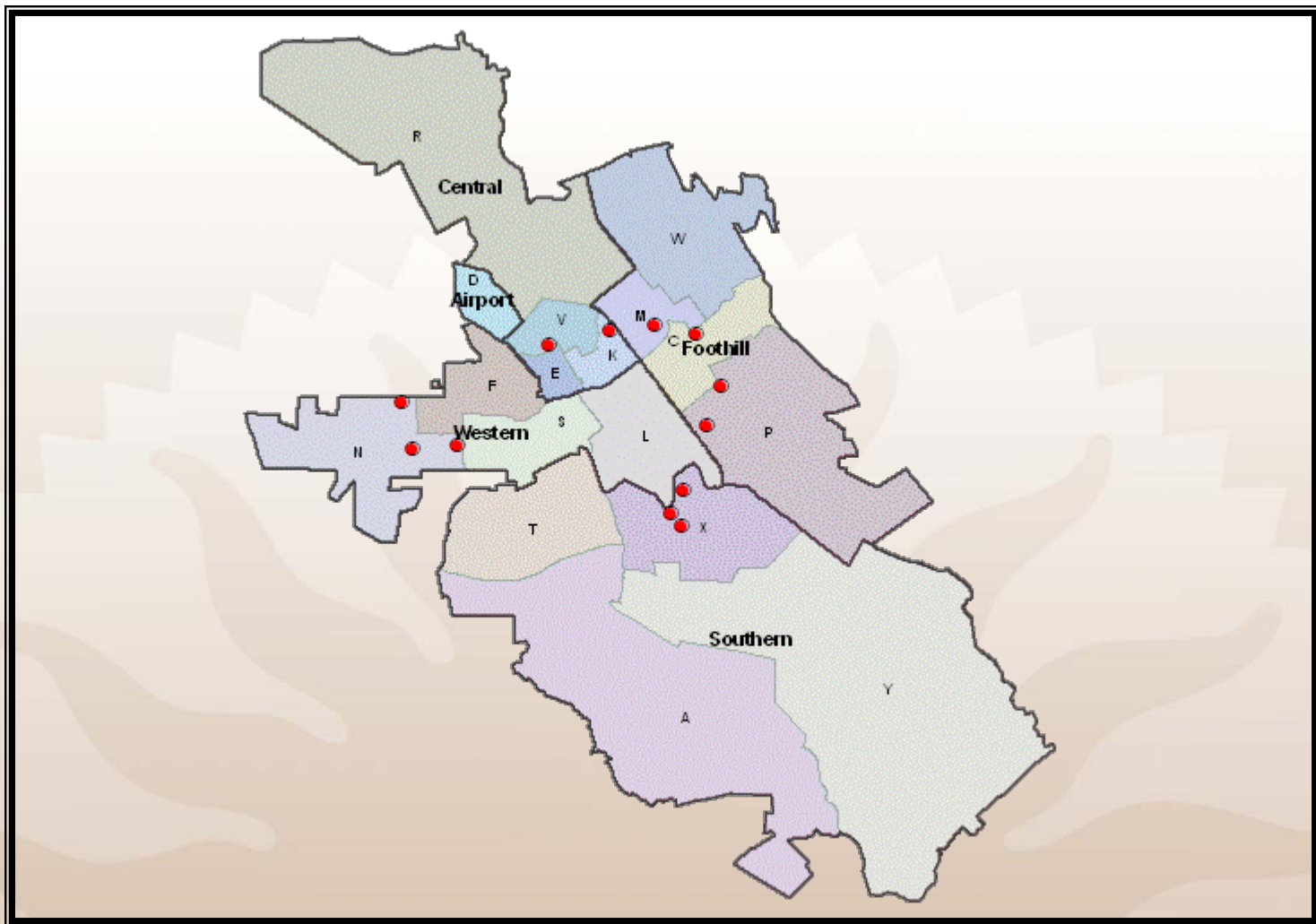
City of San José

Homicide Rates of Various Cities

2008 Compared to Same Time Period for 2007

	3/20/2007 YTD	3/20/2008 YTD	Change	% Change
San Jose	6	12	6	50%
Oakland	19	32	13	41%
San Francisco	24	20	-4	-20%
Fresno	8	7	-1	-14%
San Diego	11	10	-1	-10%
Sacramento	11	10	-1	-10%
Long Beach	10	9	-1	-11%

Homicides in 2008



NATIONWIDE COMPARISON PER 100,000 POPULATIONS – BY YEAR

	2003			2004			2005			2006		
	Population	Homicides	Rate	Population	Homicides	Rate	Population	Homicides	Rate	Population	Homicides	Rate
NATIONAL	290,809,777	16,503	5.7	293,655,404	16,137	5.5	296,410,404	16,692	5.6	299,398,484	17,034	5.7
CALIFORNIA	35,484,453	2,407	6.8	35,893,799	2,392	6.7	36,132,147	2,503	6.9	36,457,549	2,485	6.8
FRESNO	449,898	37	8.2	456,663	53	11.6	460,758	49	10.6	465,269	52	11.2
LONG BEACH	477,368	49	10.3	480,945	48	10.0	479,729	42	8.8	478,283	41	8.6
LOS ANGELES	3,838,838	515	13.4	3,864,018	518	13.4	3,871,077	489	12.6	3,879,455	480	12.4
OAKLAND	407,003	109	26.8	403,445	83	20.6	400,619	93	23.2	398,834	145	36.4
SACRAMENTO	439,811	43	9.8	450,472	50	11.1	457,347	52	11.4	460,552	57	12.4
SAN DIEGO	1,272,746	65	5.1	1,281,366	62	4.8	1,272,148	51	4.0	1,266,847	68	5.4
SAN FRANCISCO	772,065	69	8.9	760,353	88	11.6	749,172	96	12.8	746,085	86	11.5
SAN JOSE	909,890	29	3.2	908,712	24	2.6	910,528	26	2.9	920,548	29	3.2

San Jose has remained at a lower than average homicide rate despite population growth compared to national average

Contributing Social Conditions

- Socio-Economic Conditions
- Single-Parent Family
- High-School Dropout Rate
- Declining Social Programs
- Decreased Sensitivity to Violence (e.g., entertainment, video games, music, media, news, Internet)
- Tightened Budget for Social Programs

Factors that may result in homicides

- Robbery
- Rape
- Assault
- Child Abuse
- Neighborhood Disturbance
- Gang-Related
- Crimes of Passion
- Domestic Violence

Existing Police Efforts

- Beat-officer based Community Policing Strategy
- Family Violence Unit
 - Threat Assessment
- Specialized Policing
 - METRO
 - Violent Crime Enforcement Team (VCET)
 - Mobile Emergency Response Group & Equipment (MERGE)

Joint Efforts

- SJPD Community Services Division
 - Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force
 - School Liaison Unit
 - Truancy Abatement & Burglary Suppression (TABS)
 - Crime Prevention Unit
 - Weed & Seed
 - Neighborhood Watch

Future Considerations

- As budget/staffing allows:
 - Restore programs targeting “at-risk” youth (e.g., Youth Protection Team)
 - Increase patrol & investigative staff
 - Planned County Pocket Annexations will further tax existing police resources
- Continue working with the Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force & members of the community to instill a sense of ownership, responsibility, and accountability related to resolving gang violence in San Jose

Questions and Answers